

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

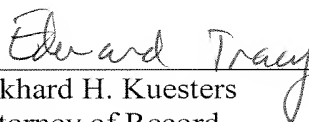
Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 21 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 7 are amended to correct informalities. A word was omitted from Claim 1 and the word "resistances" was not underlined in the version of Claim 7 in the amendment filed September 11, 2006. These informalities were uncovered in Applicants' post allowance review of the application and are being timely and diligently corrected. No new matter is involved and no new issues are believed to be raised.

In view of the prior indication of allowability, no further issues are outstanding, and entry of the present amendment is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested so that the patent which issues from this application includes the presently submitted changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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